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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: LOS: GROUP OF FIVE MEETING

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1. BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON INFORMED US THAT AFTER
INITIAL NEGATIVE SOVIET REACTION TO HOLDING G-5 MEETING
IN LONDON MAY 3-5 (REFTEL); BRITISH EMBASSY MOSCOW WAS
INSTRUCTED TO ASK SOVIETS TO RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION
AND THAT SOVIETS REPLIED THAT THEY WOULD RECONSIDER BUT
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DID NOT PROMISE WHEN THEY WOULD INFORM BRITISH OF THEIR
FINAL DECISION. BRITISH HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY PRESSED
SOVIETS FOR PROMPT REPLY BUT TO DATE SOVIETS HAVE NOT
RESPONDED.

2. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICERS CALLED ON AMBASSADOR RICHARD-
SON APRIL 7 TO RECEIVE BRIEFING ON AMBASSADOR'S RECENT

INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS IN JAPAN AND SOUTH EAST ASIA. FYI REPORT OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS WILL SHORTLY BE SENT ADDRESSEES. END FYI.

3. DURING COURSE OF APRIL 7 CONVERSATION BRITISH OFFICERS STATED THAT FCO THINKS GROUP OF FIVE MEETING SHOULD GO AHEAD WITHOUT SOVIETS, IF LATTER STILL REFUSE

TO AGREE TO MAY 3-5 MEETING. BRITISH STATE THAT THE FRENCH ARE OF THE SAME OPINION. BRITISH THINK IT ESSENTIAL FOR COORDINATION OF WESTERN LOS POSITIONS THAT THERE BE A MEETING OF THE G-5 IN ADVANCE OF MAY 23 SESSION.

4. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON SAID HE WAS QUITE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SOVIET REACTION IF THE G-5 WERE TO MEET WITHOUT THEM. HE SAID THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT THE SOVIETS MAY BE UNEASY THAT THEY ARE THE ONLY QTE SOCIALIST UNQTE COUNTRY IN THE GROUP OF FIVE. BOTH THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION, IN THE AMBASSADOR'S VIEW, ARE A BIT NERVOUS THAT ONE OR THE OTHER MAY TRY TO MAKE CAPITAL WITH THE THIRD WORLD BY UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS IN LOS MATTERS. IT IS NECESSARY, THE AMBASSADOR STATED, THAT WE KEEP IN CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH THE USSR. HE HAD HOPED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO VISIT MOSCOW AT THE END OF HIS RECENT TRIP BUT THIS PROVED INCONVENIENT TO THE SOVIETS. HE WOULD LIKE TO FIND AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR A BILATERAL WITH THEM. WE NEED TO BE SURE THAT WE AND THE SOVIETS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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TOGETHER ON LOS ISSUES, THE AMBASSADOR ADDED. HE THOUGHT THAT IF WE ARE NOT CAREFUL THE SOVIETS MAY PRE-EMPT US. HE THEREFORE PREFERRED TO HAVE THE G-5 MEETING DEFERRED IF THE SOVIETS WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE LONDON SESSION.

5. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS PROMISED THAT THEY WOULD CONVEY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S VIEWS TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE.
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